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1. CHARGE WILL INFORM MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS YAVUZALP OF DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE (REFTEL) MAY 27, AND SEEK APPOINTMENT THROUGH HIM FOR FOLLOWING DAY WITH FONMIN GUNES TO CONVEY USG ANSWER FORMALLY TO GOT. (MAY 27 IS TURKISH AS WELL AS AMERICAN HOLIDAY. FONMIN WILL BE CAUGHT UP IN OFFICIAL CEREMONIES THAT DAY. YAVUZALP NOW OUT OF TOWN BUT WILL RETURN MAY 27.)

2. IN CONVEYING REPLY, WE INTEND PARTICULARLY STRESS POINT CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTL, A POINT WE HAVE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED BUT WHICH TURKS INSIST IS ADEQUATELY COVERED BY THEIR TEXT. WILL REPORT RESULTS ASAP.

3. MEANWHILE, WE OFFER FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION SOME POINTS WHICH WE THINK MAY INFLUENCE TURKS' RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE:

(A) FIRST, FOREIGN MINUTER AND APPARENTLY PRIME MINISTER AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAVE ENGAGED THEIR PRESTIGE IN NEGOTIATIONS. WE NOW APPEAR TO BE DEALING WITH WHOLE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON
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WHAT HAS BECOME MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY;

(B) SECOND, INCONNECTION PARA 5 REFTTEL RELATING TONE-W AND OPIUM ISSUES, WE MAY BE RISKING FURTHER HARDENING TURKISH POSITION ON LATTER RATHER THAN SOFTENING THEM ON FORMER. THEREFORE, WE GRATEFUL FOR DISCRETION GRANTED PARA 5 REFTTEL;

(C) WHILE TURKISH ATTEMPT BECLOUD QUESTION OF CONTINUED SPECIAL FUTURE US OBLIGATION RE E-W IS UNACCEPTABLE, WE BELIEVE THAT, AT LEAST AS FAR AS PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ARE CONCERNED, THERE IS PROBABLY ALSO GENUINE DESIRE TO RESTATE, AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, A GENERAL PLEDGE OF MUTUAL COOPERATION SUCH AS THAT CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 8 OF THE 1962 MOU.

4. RE PARA 6 REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE A PERSONAL COMMUNICATION FROM GEN. GALLOWAY TO CHIEF TGS GEN. SANCAR ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON (ANKARA TIME) MAY 28 REPEAT TUESDAY, MAY 28, MIGHT BE USEFUL. WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING LINE. HE HAS BEEN INFORMED OF FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES' PROPOSAL TO THE EMBASSY, AND HE IS ALSO AWARE OF WASHINGTON'S REPLY. SINCE HIS IS IN WASHINGTON, HE THOUGHT GEN. SANCAR WOULD WANT HIS ON-THE-SPOT ASSESMENT OF THE SITUATION, AS ONE WHO HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS IN ANKARA AND WHOSE CREDENTIALS AS A SUPPORTER OF TURKISH-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN THE SECURITY AREA CANNOT BE QUESTIONED. HE FINDS THAT WASHINGTON IS PUZZLED AND DISMAYED BY TURKEY'S APPARENT UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE A CLEAR SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD ENABLE THE AGREED-ON E-W PACKAGE TO BE PROVIDED. HE IS ALARMED OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT TURKEY MAY NOT BE FULLY CONVINCED ABOUT DEADLINES. THESE ARE NOT ARBITRARILY IMPOSED TO PUT NEGOTIATING PRESSURE ON TURKEY. THEY STEM FROM STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS, AND IT WAS FOR THAT REASON THAT GREAT EFFORTS WERE NEEDED TO GAIN THE ADDITIONAL WEEK, EXPIRING MAY 30, BEYOND THE PREVIOUS DEADLINE. HE WANTED GEN. SANCAR TO HAVE HIS ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION.

5. WE THINK TELEPHONE IS NOT REPEAT NOT BEST MEANS FOR GEN. GALLOWAY TO MAKE THIS COMMUNICATION TO GEN. SANCAR. APART FROM NORMAL DIFFICULTIES WITH POGR CONNECTIONS AND LANGUAGE PROBLEM, SECURITY FACTORS ARE ALSO INVOLVED. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT MESSAGE BE SENT TELEGRAPHICALLY VIA EXISTING BACK CHANNEL FOR DELIVERY TO SANCAR.

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6. WE UNDERSTAND GEN GALLOWAY WILL BE REACHABLE IN WASHINGTON AREA AS HOUSE GUEST OF RETIRED US ARMY COL. JESSE E. GRAHAM, 5375 DUKE STREET (MAYFAIR TOWERS APARTMENTS), ALEXANDRIA, VA. HIS ETA WASHINGTON CAN BE OBTAINED FROM GRAHAMS. SPAIN

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